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For: INFORMATION RECORDING UNIT AND METHOD THEREOF

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

1. (Once amended) An information recording unit comprising:  
a memory for storing data provided for recording,  
a record device for recording the data stored in said memory onto a recording medium,  
the data being recorded in each of at least two different areas on said record medium, and  
a decision device for determining one of the at least two data recorded in the different  
areas on said record medium as valid data during the recording of the data on said record  
medium.